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Applicant:	Frederick M. Ausubel et al.	Art Unit:	1645
Serial No.:	09/975,719	Examiner:	Albert M. Navarro
Filed:	October 10, 2001	Customer No.:	21559
Title:	VIRULENCE-ASSOCIATED NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES AND USES THEREOF		

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

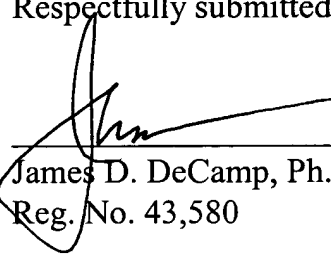
This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is a copy of the Reply to the Final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$395.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time for four (4) months and a check for the \$795.00 fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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